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COUNTRY Rumania

DATE DISTR. 25 Nov. '53

SUBJECT Construction Site of Possible Atomic
Installation near Mandra

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1. Points of Interest in the Mandra Area See overlay of GSGS 4417, Sheet 3555, Brasov, pinpointing a construction site near Mandra N 45-49, E 25-037.

Point # 1. RR Line: single-track; standard Rumanian gauge; connects the cities of Fagaras and Brasov N 45-38, E 25-347.

2. National Highway: approximately six meters wide; all-weather cement surface; connects the cities of Fagaras and Brasov.

3. Hilltop: map elevation 547 meters; during November 1951, Source spent one-half day on this hill with his unit for chemical warfare practical exercises. From this vantage point he observed the construction area, which was 500 to 600 m. eastward.

4. Construction Site.

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2. 300 to 400 Rumanian soldiers in khaki uniforms and 500 to 600 Soviet soldiers, also in khaki working on a two-kilometer-long ditch or canal, oriented north to south, which was about 20 m. wide and $\frac{1}{2}$ to one meter deep. The Rumanians worked on the northernmost section of the ditch, which was about one kilometer south of the National Highway Point # 2 above. He recognized the Soviets, who worked separately on the southern section of the ditch, by their particularly wide breeches, and by their caps.

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3. [redacted] much heavy construction machinery in the area of the ditch and [redacted] a continuous line of army trucks drive into this area on a dirt road which led to the National Highway. Although the trucks were tarpaulin-covered [redacted] they contained construction materials. The earth which was removed from the ditch was being leveled out by bulldozers and scrapers for 20 m. on both sides of and parallel to the ditch. 25X1
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4. [redacted] The 20-meter-wide and two-kilometer-long ditch, [redacted] was being dug in a level area; however, the surrounding terrain was very hilly. [redacted] two or three buildings under construction [redacted] 25X1
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5. [redacted] the diggings were for a railroad line. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] "many" bulldozers, scrapers and levelers. 25X1
6. [redacted] this construction was connected with the production of the atom bomb and the extraction of uranium from the Fagaras Mountains, which were some 10 km. south of this site. 25X1
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7. [redacted] large-scale excavations were being made into the Fagaras Mountains, for the extraction of uranium. [redacted] this latter construction was also an Army project. 25X1
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8. [redacted] there was a heavy cordon of Security Forces sentries for three or four kilometers around the construction site near Mandra. He and his unit had passed these guards on their way to the training area and noticed that they wore khaki field uniforms but had blue collar tabs. 25X1
9. [redacted] construction site [redacted] 25X1
1½ kilometers north of it [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] construction activity [redacted] large number of military trucks which traveled in that direction. [redacted] 25X1
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- Annex: Overlay of GSGS 4417, Sheet 3555, Brasov, Pinpointing a Construction Site near Mandra.

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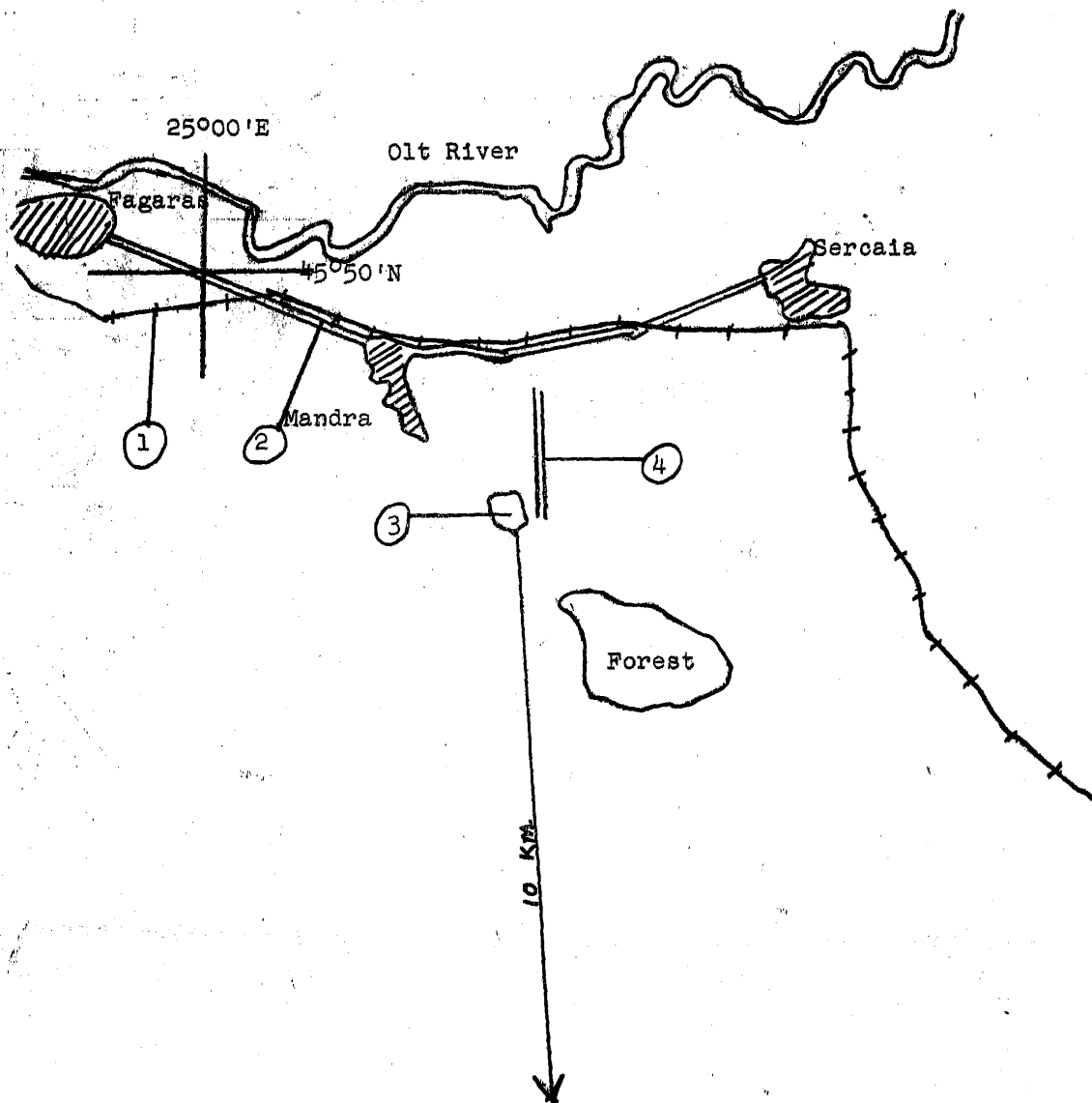
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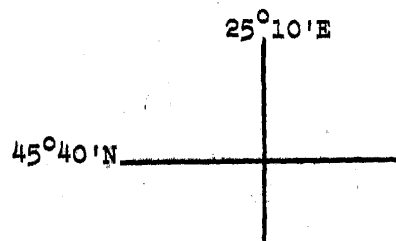
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